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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

Arbiter hic igitur factus de Lite jocosâ. Ovid. Met.

From *Saturday December* 16. to *Tueſday December* 19. 1710.

Continuation of the Journal of the Court of Honour, *&c.*

AS ſoon as the Court was ſat, the Ladies of the Bench preſented, according to Order, a Table of all the Laws now in Force relating to Viſits and Viſiting-Days, methodically digeſted under their reſpective Heads, which the Cenſor ordered to be laid upon the Table, and afterwards proceeded upon the Buſineſs of the Day.

Henry Heedleſs Eſq; was indicted by Colonel *Touchy*, of Her Majeſty's Train'd-Bands, upon an Action of Aſſault and Battery; for that he the ſaid Mr. *Heedleſs* having eſpied a Feather upon the Shoulder of the ſaid Colonel, ſtruck it off gently with the End of a Walking-Staff, Value Three Pence. It appeared, that the Proſecutor did not think himſelf injured till a few Days after the aforeſaid Blow was given him, but that having ruminated with himſelf for ſeveral Days, and conferred upon it with other Officers of the Militia, he concluded that he had in Effect been cudgelled by Mr. *Heedleſs*, and that he ought to reſent it accordingly. The Council for the Proſecutor alledged, That the Shoulder was the tendereſt Part in a Man of Honour; That it had a natural Antipathy to a Stick, and that every Touch of it, with any Thing made in the Faſhion of a Cane, was to be interpreted as a Wound in that Part, and a Violation of the Perſon's Honour who received it. Mr. *Heedleſs* replied, That what he had done was out of Kindneſs to the Proſecutor, as not thinking it proper for him to appear at the Head of the Train'd-Bands with a Feather upon his Shoulder; and further added, That the Stick he had made uſe of on this Occaſion was ſo very ſmall, that the Proſecutor could not have felt it had he broken it on his Shoulders. The Cenſor hereupon directed the Jury to examine into the Nature of the Staff, for that a great deal would depend upon that Particular. Upon which he explained to them the different Degrees of Offence that might be given by the Touch of Crab-tree from that of Cane, and by the Touch of Cane from that of a plain Hazle Stick. The Jury, after a ſhort Peruſal of the Staff, declared their Opinion by the Mouth of their Foreman, That the Subſtance of the Staff was *Britiſh* Oak. The Cenſor then obſerving that there was ſome Duſt on the Skirts of the Criminal's Coat, ordered the Proſecutor to beat it off with his aforeſaid Oaken Plant; and thus, ſaid the Cenſor, I ſhall decide this Cauſe by the Law of Retaliation. If Mr. *Heedleſs* did the Colonel a good Office, the Colonel will by this Means return it in Kind; but if Mr. *Heedleſs* ſhould at any Time boaſt that he had cudgelled the Colonel, or laid his Staff over his Shoulders, the Colonel might boaſt in his Turn, that he has bruſhed Mr. *Heedleſs*'s Jacket, or (to uſe the Phraſe of an ingenious Author) that he has rubbed him down with an Oaken Towel.

Benjamin Buſy, of *London*, Merchant, was indicted by *Jaſper Tattle* Eſq; for having pulled out his Watch and looked upon it Thrice, while the ſaid Eſquire *Tattle* was giving him an Account of the Funeral of the ſaid Eſquire *Tattle*'s firſt Wife. The Priſoner alledged in his Defence, That he was going to buy Stocks at the Time when he met the Proſecutor; and that, during the Story of the Proſecutor, the ſaid Stocks roſe above Two *per Cent.* to the great Detriment of the Priſoner. The Priſoner further brought ſeveral Witneſſes, That the ſaid *Jaſper Tattle* Eſq; was a moſt notorious Story-Teller; That before he met the Priſoner, he had hindered one of the Priſoner's Acquaintance from the Purſuit of his lawful Buſineſs with the Account of his Second Marriage; and that he had detained another by the Button of his Coat that very Morning, till he had heard ſeveral witty Sayings and Contrivances of the Proſecutor's eldeſt Son, who was a Boy of about Five Years of Age. Upon the whole Matter, Mr. *Bickerſtaff* diſmiſſed the Accuſation as frivolous, and ſentenced the Proſecutor to pay Damages to the Priſoner for what the Priſoner had loſt, by giving him ſo long and patient an Hearing. He further reprimanded the Proſecutor very ſeverely, and told him, That if he proceeded in his uſual Manner to interrupt the Buſineſs of Mankind, he would ſet a Fine upon him for every quarter of an Hour's Impertinence, and regulate the ſaid Fine according as the Time of the Perſon ſo injured ſhould appear to be more or leſs precious.

Sir

Sir *Paul Swash* Kt. was indicted by *Peter Double* Gent. for not returning the Bow which he received of the ſaid *Peter Double*, on *Wedneſday* the 6th Inſtant, at the Play-houſe in the *Hay-Market*. The Priſoner denied the Receipt of any ſuch Bow, and alledged in his Defence, That the Proſecutor would oftentimes look full in his Face; but that when he bowed to the ſaid Proſecutor, he would take no Notice of it, or bow to ſome Body elſe that ſat quite on the other Side of him. He likewiſe alledged, That ſeveral Ladies had complained of the Proſecutor, who, after ogling them a quarter of an Hour, upon their making a Courteſie to him, would not return the Civility of a Bow. The Cenſor obſerving ſeveral Glances of the Proſecutor's Eye, and perceiving, that when he talked to the Court, he looked upon the Jury, found Reaſon to ſuſpect, that there was a wrong Caſt in his Sight, which upon Examination proved true. The Cenſor therefore ordered the Priſoner (that he might not produce any more Confuſions in publick Aſſemblies) never to bow to any Body whom he did not at the ſame Time call to by his Name.

Oliver Bluff and *Benjamin Browbeat* were indicted for going to fight a Duel ſince the Erection of the *Court of Honour*. It appeared, that they were both taken up in the Street as they paſſed by the Court, in their Way to the Fields behind *Mountagne-Houſe*. The Criminals would anſwer nothing for themſelves, but that they were going to execute a Challenge which had been made above a Week before the *Court of Honour* was erected. The Cenſor finding ſome Reaſons to ſuſpect (by the Sturdineſs of their Behaviour) that they were not ſo very brave as they would have the Court believe them, ordered them both to be ſearched by the Grand Jury, who found a Breaſt-Plate upon the one, and Two Quires of Paper upon the other. The Breaſt-Plate was immediately ordered to be hung upon a Peg over Mr. *Bickerſtaff*'s Tribunal, and the Paper to be laid upon the Table for the Uſe of his Clerk. He then ordered the Criminals to button up their Boſoms, and if they pleaſed proceed to their Duel. Upon which they both went very quietly out of the Court, and retired to their reſpective Lodgings.

The Court then adjourned till after the Holidays.

Copia Vera,

Charles Lillie.

Advertiſements.

AT the GREAT WHEAT-SHEAF painted upon a Copper Plate, next the Bell-Savage Inn upon Ludgate-Hill, is ſold all Sorts of rich Foreign Silks, with Gold and Silver Brocades. Likewiſe Plain and Flower'd Velvets for Gowns and Petticoats, and Coach Linings; with all Sorts of Silk Morning-Gowns, for Blank Lottery Tickets, at as high a Price as any Perſon ſhall give for them, and the aboveſaid Goods as cheap as for Specie.

THE Sale of the Rich BED and HANGINGS, which was ſeen at Weſtminſter and Drapers Hall, will be drawn the 10th of January next. So all Perſons that deſign to become Adventurers, are deſired to take out their Tickets ſpeedily, which are to be had at One Guinea apiece; with new Propoſals, at St. James's Coffee-houſe; Mr. Lillie's, Perfumer, the Corner of Beauford-Buildings, Mrs. Betly's, a Tire-Woman, in Bow-ſtreet, Covent-Garden; Mr. Fleming's, Goldſmith, againſt St. Dunſtan's Church; Mr. Nathaniel Carpenter's, Merchant, in St. Clement's-lane, Lombard-ſtreet, (who ſtands Security for the fair Performance) and at the other Places mentioned in the Propoſals. Part of the Goods may be ſeen at the ſaid Mr. Carpenter's and Mrs. Betly's.

MRs. Symmons's Sale of Goods, which were to be viewed in Henrietta-ſtreet, Covent-Garden, are now at the Duke of Marlborough's-Head in Fleetſtreet, where it will (without fail) be drawn on Thurſday next the 21ſt Inſtant, ſhe being oblig'd to defer it till that Time for the diſpoſing of a very few Tickets, which are to be had at Mr. Lillie's the Corner of Beauford Buildings, at the Duke of Marlborough's-Head aforeſaid, and all the Places mentioned in the Propoſals.

*** A Book entitul'd, Phyſico-Mechanical Experiments on various Subjects; or, An Account of ſeveral ſurpriſing Phænomena touching Light and Electricity produceable on the Attrition of Bodies: Together with new Obſervations on the Aſcent of Liquids between the nearly contiguous Surfaces of different Bodies, the Preſſure and Retraction of Air, the different Denſities of that Element, from the greateſt Degree of Heat to that of Cold in this Climate; the Propagation of Sound; and on divers other Heads not before taken Notice of. To which are added, the Explanations of all the Machines, (the Figures of which are done from Copper curiouſly engrav'd) and other Apparatus uſed in making the Experiments. Sold by J. Knapton, H. Clements, R. Smith, Bookſellers; and in Hind-court againſt Water-lane, Fleetſtreet, by the Author F. Hauksbee. F. R. S. 4to. Price bound 6 s.

FOR Sale by the Candle, to Morrow the 20th Inſtant, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at 5 in the Afternoon, (only one Cask in a Lot) 57 Pipes and 2 Hhds. of excellent Canary Wines, neat, the laſt Part of (compleating) the Cargo of the St. Joſeph, lately landed at Smart's-Key, now in a Vault in Dog-Tavern-yard over-againſt Billingſgate in Thames-ſtreet, and 10 Pipes of new excellent Canty Florence Wine, freſh, deep, bright, and of a curious Flavour, neat, an entire Parcel, landed Yeſterday. Note, The ſaid Florence Wines are in the aboveſaid Vault. The aforeſaid Canary and Florence Wines are to be ſeen this Day from 8 to 1, and from 2 till 5, and to Morrow till the Time of Sale. To be ſold by T. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane, between Tower-ſtreet and Crouched-Fryars.

FOR Sale by the Candle, on Friday the 22d Inſtant, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at 4 in the Afternoon preciſely, (only one Cask in a Lot) 60 Pipes of new excellent Canary Wines, neat and entire, of the very laſt Vintage, racy, and of a delicate Flavour, imported by the Martin-Galley, Capt. Martin, now landing, and will be put in two Cellars in Buttolph-Wharf Gate-way, between London-bridge and Billingſgate: Alſo 20 Pipes and 7 Hhds of new excellent Canty Florence Wine of the very laſt Vintage, freſh, deep, bright, and of the right Flavour, neat, an entire Parcel juſt landed, now in a Cellar in the Gate-way of Sommer's-Key next Billingſgate, and near London-bridge. All the aforeſaid new Canaries and new Florence, are to be taſted to Morrow and Thurſday from 8 to 1, and from 2 till 5, and all Friday till the Time of Sale. To be ſold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane.

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THis Day begins the Sale of Houſhold-Goods, &c. lately of a Perſon of Quality and an eminent Merchant, at the Old Exciſe-Office in Broad-ſtreet, by the Royal Exchange. And to Morrow will be ſold the Pictures. N. B. Alſo a fine Collection of Prints and Drawings, and a Piece of Limning by Cooper, not mentioned in the Catalogue.

AT the Hen and Chickens in Bedford-ſtreet, Covent-Garden, (up Stairs, in the Room where Mrs. Dobſon did live ſome Years ſince) are ſold rich, black, broad, Dutch Velvets, at 16 s. and 17 s. per Yard; as alſo rich, black, broad, Dutch Poudeſoys, at 10 s. 6 d. per Yard; the very richeſt, black, broad, Dutch Poudeſoys, at 11 s. per Yard; rich, black, Dutch Mantua's; rich, black, Dutch Damasks; rich, black, Luſtrings of all Sorts; rich black Alamodes, and white Sarſnets; the moſt beautiful, rich, black, broad, Italian Mantua, at 7 s. per Yard. Imported and ſold by Wholeſale and Retale. Likewiſe all other Mercers Goods, provided and ſold by Wholeſale or Retale, at the very loweſt Rates, by Peter Guerin.

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